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Letters to the Editor

Why Is Starnes Screaming at CIA?

THE recent columns of Richard Starnes seem to have reached the screaming stage in his vendetta with the CIA. He reminds me of the kid being chased by a gang of boys. The kid yells over his shoulder: "If you guys don't quit chasing me, I'll beat you up."

Like everybody else, I know practically nothing about the organization. I do know that a Mr. Richardson worked with the Diem leaders in Viet Nam. With President Kennedy's approval John Cabot Lodge, Roger Hilsman, Mr. Harriman et al encouraged a coup. Mr. Richardson, the CIA man, was sent home.

What has happened in Viet Nam since that time? Defeat after defeat. The Diem regime seemed to contain an almost impossible situation. This being the case, why is Mr. Starnes screaming so loudly about the CIA? PEG-LEG O'BRIEN

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